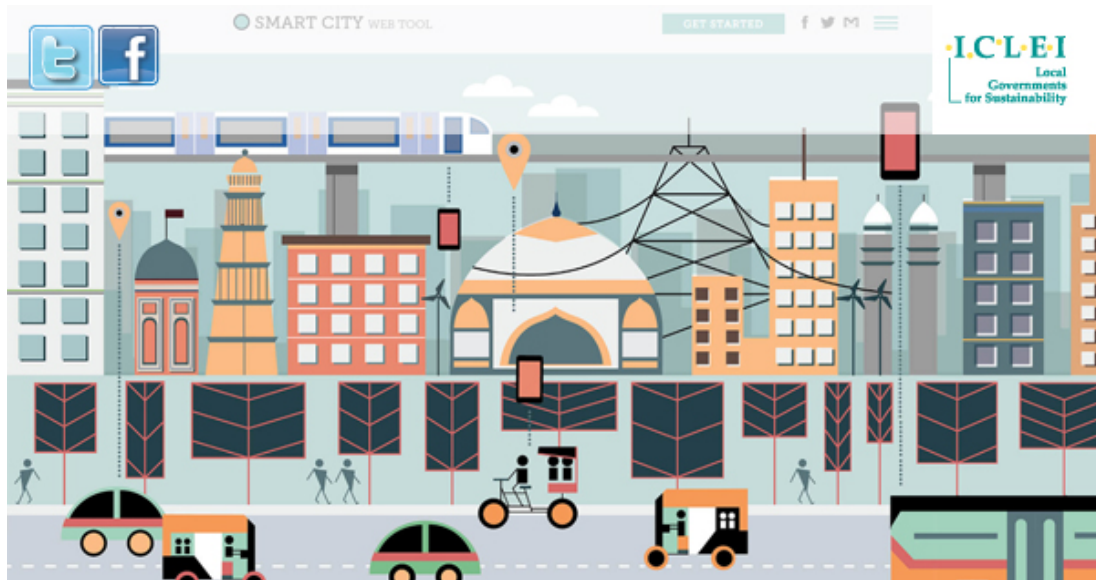


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Greetings!

After a year full of diverse activities, initiatives, events, commitments and actions on the field, sitting back to review them has been an equally significant exercise for ICLEI South Asia.

January was the month when the team from ICLEI South Asia, including the staff members stationed at various regional and project city offices, came together for its annual review-cum-retreat, held in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, India. Spanning over two days, the annual gathering was a blend of discussions over what was done, the way forward and some fun team building activities. While 2016 saw many projects successfully coming to a closure, this year, we shall explore new arenas like biodiversity. Also, we hope to maintain and strengthen our communication with you.

In January, ICLEI South Asia also launched a web tool that brings together most of the existing information around smart cities. You are invited to review the tool and contribute to it. A roundtable was organised to bring together various stakeholders and experts to share experiences and challenges around the Government of India's Smart City Mission.

We have developed an assessment report on the climatic impacts on different urban sectors for the new capital city of Andhra Pradesh – Amaravati.

This newsletter features a lot more, including our sustainability champions for this month.

Enjoy reading more!

Latest developments

Smart City Web Tool for Indian cities: aggregating information on smart city policies, programmes and projects

ICLEI South Asia has recently developed and introduced a knowledge portal called Smart City Web Tool, as a part of hand holding support to Indian cities that are or will be included in the Government of India's Smart Cities



Mission. The Tool that has been developed with support from Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation and in partnership with Sandeep Gandhi Architects is a knowledge bank of existing legal framework, policies, tool kits, guidelines and best practices from state, national and international level.

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Engagement building grants released for Bangladesh; cities begin work on urban drainage and roads

Two cities in Bangladesh have received Engagement Building Grants to kick start their pilot initiatives on resilience building. With the help of the funds, the Mongla Port Municipality and Kushtia Municipality in Bangladesh will implement a pilot based on the City Resilience Strategy that has been developed under the ACCCRN project. Both the cities have targeted improvement of drainage in pilot areas to improve sanitation, road network and health in the city. The grants are provided by the Rockefeller Foundation and facilitated by ICLEI South Asia.

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Stakeholders come together at ICLEI South Asia event to share experiences and challenges under Smart Cities Mission

ICLEI South Asia organised a knowledge sharing round table on Supporting Sustainable Urban Transport and Built Environment in Indian Smart Cities in New Delhi. Architects, planners, consultants, government stakeholders, and individuals involved in smart city projects attended the discussion, where ICLEI South Asia and partners SGArchitects discussed their learnings from the handholding support provided to smart cities in two states, under a project funded by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation.

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ICLEI South Asia assesses climate impact on new capital city Amaravati

ICLEI South Asia has undertaken a short-term assessment of the impacts of climate change on development of Amaravati -- the new Capital City for Andhra Pradesh. The study, funded by the World Bank, will cover five sectors: solid waste management, waste water, transport, green / blue / recreational / open spaces, and flood management. The report has been based on secondary data and literature review and presents a broad picture of issues that may arise due to climate change in the above sectors in the new proposed Capital City. Sector-wise recommendations to build resilience in the above mentioned urban systems have also been proposed.



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Asia LEDS Partnership activities aimed at advancing LEDS in the region



The Asia LEDS Partnership (ALP) Secretariat, hosted by ICLEI South Asia and other ICLEI offices in the region and funded by USAID LEAD Program, is in its second year of operation. In efforts to enhance the membership, the Secretariat recently concluded a series of meetings with the Asian Development Bank and the Cities Development Initiative for Asia (CDIA). Member countries have also identified areas that require support.

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Publications



Asia LEDS Partnership releases publications, gets new Steering Committee

The Asia LEDS Partnership has recently released a set of case studies and issue briefs after a few months of research and interviews. In the publications, the Asia LEDS Partnership – one of the three regional platforms of the LEDS Global Partnership and funded by USAID LEAD Program – has focussed on financing mitigation actions, NDC implementation, green banking, climate finance and public-private partnership for low emission development.

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Actors of change

Integration and innovation are key to Jaipur's journey on Smart City Mission, says Sandesh Nayak, IAS, and CEO, Jaipur Smart City Limited

Jaipur Smart City Limited is a special purpose vehicle (SPV) created under the Smart Cities Mission, as directed by the Government of India. In this conversation with ICLEI South Asia, Mr Sandesh Nayak talks about the Pink City's plans for the Smart City programme and the challenges that lie on the road ahead.



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Rithika Fernandes: Sustainability champion at ICLEI South Asia

Rithika Fernandes is a Project Officer at ICLEI South Asia where she works with the sustainability team. Her passion for bringing sustainability to lives is not restricted to her profession. She believes in taking that to her own life too and is an inspiration for many at the workplace. *"People should be made to feel uncomfortable (with an unsustainable lifestyle) rather than placated with the option of choosing a sustainable lifestyle when it suits them,"* says Ms Fernandes.

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Recognition

Budapest Water Summit Civil Forum recognises integrated urban water management as major step towards resilience

ICLEI South Asia advocated focus on urban water sector management through Integrated Urban Water Management at the Budapest Water Summit and presented its activities under European Union funded AdoptIUWM project. The Budapest Water Summit Statement called for Integrated Urban Water Management as an important part of resilience.



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AdoptIUWM city Kishangarh felicitated at Republic Day function in India

On January 26, 2017, Sub Divisional Magistrate Kishangarh and Chairman of Kishangarh Municipal Council awarded Rahul Rathi (Senior Project Officer, ICLEI South Asia) for successful implementation of door-to-door collection of waste in two wards of the city from Rajasthan, India. The pilot project was implemented under the European Commission funded Adopt IUWM Project that is linked to Swachh Bharat Mission.

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Upcoming event



ICLEI and IIED to organise a regional workshop under ACCCRN in Bangkok

The Asian Cities Climate Change Resilience Network (ACCCRN) is bringing to a close the Translation and Scaling Up Project in South and South East Asia. ICLEI and International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) – two long-term partners in the project – are organising a regional workshop from February 28 to March 1, 2017, in Bangkok to analyze and compare the City Resilience Strategies that have been developed for the cities, with support from Rockefeller Foundation.

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